

Regional Housing Summit

Evaluation

East Tennessee

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The purpose of this Summit is to develop a better understanding of the affordable housing needs in your community and to learn more about the capacity of local governments and nonprofit organizations to help meet those needs. With this in mind, please give us your feedback. (Responses noted in blue.)

1. The opening presentation with power point sets the stage for the discussion which followed.

Not at all		Somewhat		Very much
1	(3) 2	(8) 3	(16) 4	(8) 5

Comments:

Honestly, it went a bit quickly – hard to concentrate on it.
Went by too fast and hard to keep up with.
Was very fast, could have read sheets independently or watched slides, not both.
Too fast and brief to be helpful.
Slow down, maybe provide this information before people come.

2. The opportunity to participate in the discussion of affordable housing needs and obstacles in my community is useful.

Not at all		Somewhat		Very much
1	2	3	(5) 4	(30) 5

Comments:

3. The opportunity to hear others comment on needs and obstacles in my region is useful.

Not at all		Somewhat		Very much
1	2	(1) 3	(4) 4	(30) 5

Comments:

It was great to hear the different obstacles – the opportunity to find common problems and perhaps, in the future, solutions.
A lot of resources were revealed.
A regional effort like this to share would help us generate supports and share resources but no one has time in initiate this type of effort.

4. The format of the Summit is effective.

Not at all		Somewhat		Very much
1	2	(1) 3	(15) 4	(18) 5

Comments:

More time needed.
The different sections of the discussion (Needs, Obstacles, Wishes) may not be necessary, as they all tie in together, otherwise – it was perfect.
Expand participants – lenders, realtors, elected officials.

5. The Census data and program information is useful.

Not at all		Somewhat		Very much
1	(1) 2	(9) 3	(11) 4	(10) 5

Comments:

Figures of county population, \$\$ figure for poverty level, # of people at this level, while available from census not easy to pull out
Already have.
Did not pre-register so did not receive.

6. A regional meeting about affordable housing funding would be useful.

Not at all		Somewhat		Very much
1	(1) 2	(1) 3	(5) 4	(28) 5

Comments:

Needed for collaboration.

7. A follow up Summit with a similar format would be useful. (34) Yes or (1) No

If yes, what suggestions would you make for improvements or changes?

Start with a full summary of all 9 summits, discuss actualities and problems, of course, possible solutions – from all sides
Annual summits
More literature. Tables to write on – not just chairs.

Could we get the names, email addresses, and phone numbers for summit attendees. There are several folks I would like to follow up with.
NONE –Very well Done!!
More time. Invite more people.
Over all it was wonderful.
No more than annual and only if there is a report back on what has happened.
Ask the local outreach programs to participate – Office on Aging, sheriff office outreach also lenders – banks, etc.
Better, more comprehensive, invitation list.
SOLUTIONS – or ideas for needs and obstacles.
Discuss solutions instead of problems.
Add more variety of service providers and possible service providers – state etc.
Be more specific, less conceptual.
Build on needs information and develop solutions.
Have something solution oriented as a follow-up.
Divide group into smaller sub-sections with similar interest, etc; then come back to larger group and report findings.
Dialogue about how agencies, government funders can better collaborate with each other.

Do you have any concerns or needs which were not discussed:

It would be helpful if you could provide contact info for each present entity for collaboration purposes.
One point not discussed was that over half of the homeless population has a mental health diagnosis and I think we need to get to the root with mental illness also with the housing.
Need to provide info and education on preventative maintenance and it's value to the homeowner.
Thanks for asking.
It is important to get the feedback from this discussion for consideration in the future.
Please follow-up.
More avenues to discuss issues meetings, forums, etc. with elected officials and providers.
Public hearings etc., to get word out to citizens/residents about programs available and who qualifies.
Thank you for taking this step.